

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated November 29, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 3 and 4 have been amended. Claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2 and 5-9 have been withdrawn from consideration. Thus, claims 3 and 4 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3 and 4 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

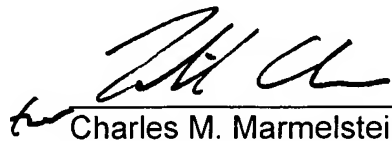
Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the original base claim. As such, the Applicants submit that claims 3 and 4 are in condition for allowance.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, an appropriate extension of time is requested. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 107355-00092.

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